



All of us are wishing for all of you all the joy and happiness we can conceive.

And if, perchance, we have omitted any particular item which you would particularly treasure, we're hoping that, too, may be yours—and quickly.

BEAR DRUG STORE

COLISEUM THEATER

A TRIP TO SANTA CLAUS LAND

Matinee Today
10c, 20c, 30c

Monday — Madame X
Cuse Me

EMPRESS THEATRE

Last Time Today. Matinee Today

A Kalem drama
in four parts

THE CALL OF THE DANCE

A Vitagraph comedy
in one reel

HOW JOHN CAME HOME

and

THE HEARST SELIG
WEEKLY

DECEMBER ENDING VERY SATISFACTORILY

When James Miller, clerk of the superior court, said in an interview in the Republican that December was not a marrying month—that men were too busy to love and too poor to afford matrimony, he offered his statement as a challenge. Nevertheless, that is the way the public interpreted his remarks. They not only took up the gauntlet and proved Mr. Miller entirely wrong, but convinced him that in addition to not being too busy nor too poor, neither were they too old to love.

Andrew J. Sutter, aged 74, and Adella Wilber of the same age yesterday called at his office for a marriage license. They were just an young and just as eager as any of the youngsters who have not reached their majority and have to have the consent of their parents before the clerk will grant them the license. And they were not the only ones to apply for a license. R. M. Fleming, a local attorney and Josephine Boettling secured one and others who were the clerk a busy day before Christmas were Harrison A. Hicks and Hazel Church, Franklin L. Gage and Lorena M. Bills; William Jones and Gladys Odula Welty; Walter H. Steinke of Hayden and Carolyn L. Maher of Los Angeles; and Romeo C. January of Juarez.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. CAVENESS of the Plaza Theater wish all their friends and patrons Very Merry Christmas

ELKS THEATER

TONIGHT
THE ED. REDMOND
COMPANY

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"

Matinee Today
Phone 3-5-6-0

BABY'S GOOD START ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Only Yesterday He Was
One of Thousands of
Homeless Waifs

There are no doubt many in Phoenix who are having a merry Christmas, but few if any, are as happy today as Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cresswell of 306 West Washington street. Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell yesterday adopted a beautiful month old baby whom they have already learned to call "son." The little one, who twenty-four hours ago belonged to the big family of the homeless, is now being showered with every attention that loving parents of means can bestow upon a favorite child.

William Dwight is a particularly bright little chap and he looks as if he appreciated the change that has come into his life. He snuggles down into his soft, pretty crib and cooed as he tries to grasp the shape and mother of pearl rattles that are tied to his bed.

But contented as he is, it is not to be compared to the joy that is Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell's since the court has made him their own. They are already planning his future, and school and college are discussed as if his education were a matter of the moment. Mr. Cresswell has been most successful in business. He conducts an auto repair shop on Washington street and has quite a bit of property, including three residences on Montezuma street.

"It will all be his some day," he says, when he speaks of his small son.

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MOTHER SECURES CUSTODY OF CHILD

No Christmas Gift Would
Have Been Half so Gratifying to Mrs. Gibson

Arthur Gibson, the three year old lad, over whom a bitter battle has been waging in the superior court, has been given into the custody of his mother.

The boy who has clung to his mother throughout the trial will have a merry Christmas just the same as other happy little boys whose mothers plan their pleasures.

Mrs. Gibson declares this will be the happiest Christmas she has known in four years and it is just that long ago when she married Joseph Gibson from whom she was granted a divorce yesterday.

The court submitted three interrogatories which the jury returned with the following answers:

Was Joseph Gibson guilty of excesses, cruel treatment and outrages toward Mrs. Gibson? Yes.

Is Joseph Gibson, the defendant, fit for the care, custody and education of the child? No.

Is Mrs. Gibson fit for the care, custody and education of the child? Yes.

WILL HONOR GRAND MASTER OF TEMPLARS

A call has been sent out during the past week to all members of the Phoenix Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, requesting them to be present at the lodge rooms at ten o'clock this morning for the purpose of participating in a toast to the Grand Master, Lee S. Smith, and it is believed that there will be a good turnout in response to the invitation.

Following is a complete text of the invitation:

Sir Knight:—You are cordially invited to be present at the Asylum of Phoenix Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 25, to participate in a toast to our acting Most Eminent Grand Master, Lee S. Smith, and in the response of the committee on Christmas observance.

Interesting short program. Courtesy yours.

FRANK THOMAS,
Eminent Commander

Phoenix, December 21, 1915.

All Master Masons and wives cordially invited.

Please be on time out of respect to the Grand Master.

FARMER'S CO-OPERATIVE CREAM-ERY COMPANY
Phoenix, Arizona, 12, 16, '15.

A dividend of ten per cent on the preferred stock of this Company has been declared, payable on January 29th 1916 to stockholders of record at the close of business on 31st day of December 1915.

Transfer books will be closed December 31st, 1915 and reopened January 25th, 1916.

WILBUR TREADWELL,
Secretary

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Phoenix National Bank will be held in its office in Phoenix, Ariz., on Tuesday January 11th, 1916, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

H. D. MARSHALL,
Cashier.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL GLENDALE

From All Appearances, the
Sugar City is Happiest
for Many Months

GLENDALE, Dec. 24.—Christmas in the Sugar City is going to be the happiest season of the year if one may judge from advance preparations and the amount of buying at all stores, where the largest volume of business for years is reported by all local merchants.

Tonight the Baptist ladies are giving a Christmas program at the church where a Christmas tree laden with good things for every child will be a prominent feature.

There will be Christmas services at all churches Sunday morning. The Queen Esther will give a program at the M. E. church on the evening of the 29th, and there will be a number of watch meetings at the same church New Year's Eve.

There will be a watch party at the woman's club, where the "Jolly Twelve" are entertaining on New Year's Eve. The Socialist league has also issued invitations for a watch meeting on New Year's Eve at the high school, where a program will be rendered and refreshments will be served.

The crowning event of Christmas week, however, will be the Junior play at the high school Monday night. The title of the play is "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-date" in five acts. Those taking part in the play are as follows:

Duke of Venice..... Cecil Marks
Antonio..... Tom Gordon
Bassanio, suitor to Portia..... Dean Pauls
Gratiano, his friend..... Cecil Miller
Shylock..... Vernon Patterson
Tubal, his friend..... Barry Hedgepeth
Launcelot Gobbo, servant to Shylock..... Morgan Akin

An Officer of the law..... Chas. Pitts
A professor of high degree Tom Draper
Portia, a rich heiress..... Francis Green
Nerissa, her friend..... Flossie King
Miss Thirldale..... Nannie Long
Jessica, Shylock's ward..... Hazel Spillman

Antonio's mother..... Ruby Bankhead
Mrs. Gobbo..... Edna Smith
Portia's maid, Portia Osborne
The proceeds of the play will be used for the benefit of the school library.

The Peoria Five Hundred club was delightedly entertained last evening at the Terrell home at Peoria. Following the usual games of Five Hundred, a Christmas tree was uncovered, and each guest received a gift.

As these much enjoyed a gift, as these gifts had been purchased by the wives for their husbands and vice versa, and not exceeding ten cents in cost, it is safe to assume that much merriment was caused at the opening of packages.

Mistletoe tally cards and holiday reds and greens were used in the large living room, and dainty refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and coffee were served the guests who included Mr. and Mrs. D. E. French, Mr. and Mrs. J. De Fever, Mr. Sala, L. Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. George Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. E. Akin, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Logan and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Osborne.

Christmas day at noon, Miss Helen Hill, daughter of Dr. J. C. Hill of this city will become the bride of Mr. Clyde Cornell university. After a short honeymoon including a trip to Kansas City and Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Hill will go to homekeeping in the university city.

Mrs. Ed Jack is enjoying a visit from her mother and father, who arrived the first of the week from Albuquerque and will spend the remainder of the winter here.

Those who attended the social meeting of the Young Men's last Wednesday report a very pleasant affair.

There was no program, and the business meeting omitted, the time being spent exchanging ideas for the club work and in planning the holiday season. Sandwiches, salted nuts and coffee were served by the hostesses.

A party of young people composed of Miss Emma Walters, Miss Edna Smith, Tom Long, Robert Dietrick and Colvin Clure enjoyed the show at the Coliseum Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phillips and family are occupying the Campbell house on Mistletoe street.

Mrs. Tulley, who resides north of Glendale was called to Mesa Thursday morning by the sudden death of her sister, Mrs. Emil Higgins.

Miss Virginia McElroy is engaged at the H. C. Reed home.

Mr. Mason of the Gazette firm was a Glendale visitor Thursday.

Mrs. R. Sheets and Mrs. Robert Logan were Phoenix shoppers yesterday.

The Young Peoples' class of the Methodist Sunday school is arranging to serve an oyster stew at the New building the evening of December 28. Following the supper a social time will be enjoyed.

Mrs. C. C. Green is the teacher of this class and plans are being made to make the evening a pleasant one.

Mesa News Notes
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and all friends are invited to attend and aid in showing the appreciation of the presidency for the work done by their officers during the past year.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RIGGINS
The funeral of Mrs. Emory Riggins occurred yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Christian church, the Rev. Rountree of Tempe conducting the service. The body was shipped to Phoenix for interment.

M. I. A. DANCE
The dance at the Mesa Opera House last night, given by the Mutual Improvement Association of the L. D. S. church, was the usual success, being largely attended and hugely enjoyed by both young and old. The Mesa orchestra furnished the music for the dancers.

AMUSEMENTS

THE AMUZU SHOWS
"THE ROSARY" NOW

No film story of this year has had more attention from public and critic than Edward E. Rose's sublime semi-religious story in dramatic form, "The Rosary," which is to be screened today at the Amuzu. With its wonderful heart story and its direct appeal to the God-fearing it attained a splendid vogue during its days as a stage play and loaned its self so readily to the screen that it can be said to have but few rivals for the place it enjoys in stories made into photoplays. "The Rosary" needs no review. Its appeal is not to the devout churchman alone, but it reaches for its popularity into the ranks of those who seldom enter a place of worship. Because it is a story of life, a story filled with just the things we do every day in life and told in the way that only the great Selig company knows how, its presentation here at ten cents marks an epoch in its film career for it is the first time at the low price. Tomorrow Chaplin comes again in "His New Job."

All Children Free at Lion Today
The program at the Lion theater today is diversified and will please everyone. The headliner is Harold Lockwood and May Allison in a Clippert feature "Pardoned" and in which both the stars play double roles. The story is interesting as it deals with politics and the pardoning of a man convicted of crime. Two good comedies will furnish the laughs and the entire show is a worthy holiday offering. All children will be admitted free at the Lion today from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. Following the usual custom at this house, Manager Lockwood invites every child in Phoenix to be his guest today and wishes them all a Merry Christmas. Monday the Lion will present Ethel Gray Terry in "Daughter" which is an unusual drama.

At the Lamara
George Fawcett who plays the lead in "The Frame-Up" now showing at the Lamara theatre is not a young man in the dramatic game. In fact he is one of the most experienced actors of the American stage. In his earlier years he worked with the great Tommo Salvini in such plays as "Samson," "The Gladiator" and others. Later he was with Alessandro Salvini in "Don Cesar de Bazan." He also supported Nat Goodwin in "The Gifted Fool," "David Garrick" and many other important successes. In "The Frame-Up" Mr. Fawcett gives a finished performance showing his great ability and vast experience.

At the Plaza
The twelfth installment of the great "Universal serial," "The Broken Coin," which features unique Curved and Francis Ford, is one of the most thrilling adventure stories that has and powerful author, Emerson Hough, and was headed for the Universal by Seth Moore, who is well known in Phoenix. A feature of the program also is a two-reel drama, "A Dear Little Old Time Girl" in which Violet McMillan and William Dowling take the leading parts. Manager Caveness is preparing for a big day tomorrow, when J. Warren Kerrigan's great picture "Samson" will be shown.

Myrtle Stedman at the Arizona
Frequent discussion of the career of Myrtle Stedman, the name of deer that's mother is Henrik Hensen's celebrated tramp of the droll Norwegian wanderer, brings out the fact that the small circle about the capital A in Norwegian spelling makes the pronunciation "Ost."

"Ase's Death" will be remembered as one of the four numbers in Edward Grib's immortal "Peer Gynt Suite" and the same immortality of the composer worked with the Tacon material will be found to have been achieved by the screen producer, granted, as he was at the very outset, certain peculiar scenic advantages which make for an illusion impossible in any other way. The successive love affairs of this Godbrand's boy as he wanders to all parts of the world are so realistically local to every place in which they occur that one fairly marvels at the atmosphere that has been caught in each episode.

Cord Maude, the London actor-manager, who made a great success as Grumpy, is the star. This photoplay will be shown at the Arizona theatre for the matinee today and evening performance only. The Paramount news pictures are also featured in this special Christmas performance.

Matinee at Empress
Yvonne Dolly, of the Dolly sisters, is the feature attraction in the four-part Kalem drama, "The Call of the Dance." This is one of the Broadway favorites and is a very attractive feature, as little Miss Dolly is one of the finest of dancers. The Vitagraph comedy is a very funny one, as all of them are that feature Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Drew. This one is "How John Came Home" and is as funny a picture as they have produced.

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J. C. MUEDELSBACH, President.
C. M. SMITH, Secretary.

WE WISH YOU the most rollicking good time it has ever been your good fortune to enjoy, not only for this one joyful season, but for every day that is to follow in your long life. It would indeed be a pleasure if we could deliver this to you in person with a hand-shake and man-to-man chat, but thru the voice of the press it is none the less sincere, you can be sure of that.



Merry Christmas to All

EZRA W. THAYER
124-130 E. Washington St. 127-133 E. Adams

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Of Quality Food, Properly Cooked, Quickly Served, at
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Table d'Hote, 75c
A la carte at Popular Prices
CUMMINS RESTAURANT
112 N. FIRST AVE.

ARIZONA Theater

LAST TIME TODAY. MATINEE TODAY

CYRIL MAUDE

in a five-part Paramount Picture

PEER GYNT

Sunday—Fanny Ward in
"The Marriage of Kitty"

First installment of the Paramount News Pictures



Cyril Maude
OLIVER MORRIS
Paramount Pictures